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Office Memorandum

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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 20 December 1961

FROM : Deputy Chief, Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

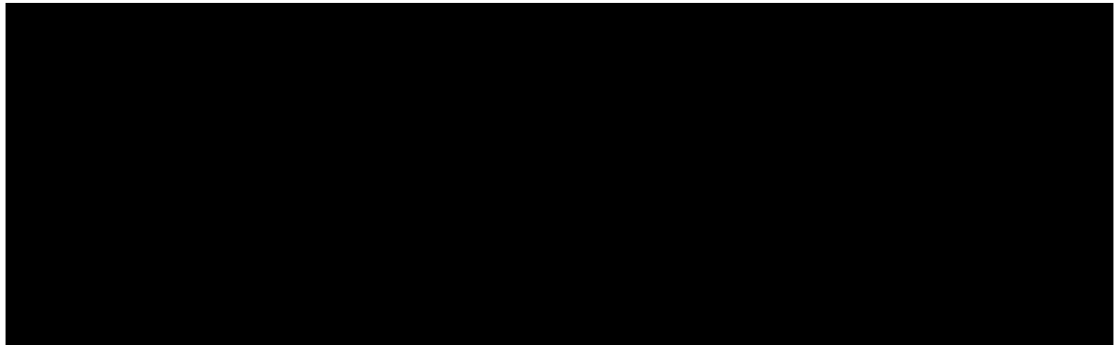
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1. [REDACTED] are planning to attend the meetings of the Modern Language Association and the Linguistic Society of America in Chicago the week after Christmas. [REDACTED] will be there for the full week, and [REDACTED] only on the 29th and 30th to attend the meetings connected with the teaching of Chinese. Both are looking forward to many valuable results from this trip.

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2. SR has requested special training for [REDACTED] who has been designated to do Russian typing for them. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] our Serbo-Croatian/Russian tutorial teacher, have set up a two-weeks' program totalling 20 hours. At the end of this time it is hoped that she will have a firm command of the Russian writing system, in addition to some notions of the structure of Russian. The Slavic Department has been receiving an increasing number of requests for short term specialized training, and it appears likely that a similar request will come from TSD for Serbo-Croatian.

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3. Dr. Sergius Yakobson and Robert Allen of the Slavic and East European Division of the Library of Congress have invited [REDACTED] to become a member of the Society for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. This organization, composed of senior Slavists,

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generally promotes East European teaching and research and publishes the American Slavic and East European Review.

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4. [REDACTED] lead his first group [REDACTED] last week. There were 5 Intermediate French students, 1 dependent, and 2 native speakers, 1 of them a new man loaned to us by DD/P. [REDACTED] is not sure that the students learned much that was new, but they gained quite a bit of confidence and learned to speak with a fair amount of ease. [REDACTED] volunteered to take the group for a full week in February.

5. Mid-term scores for all VLTP students in class at that time would seem to indicate two things:

- a) Students who survive up to that point are on the whole doing better than satisfactory work;
- b) Our instructors are learning how to evaluate in more objective terms with the result that there are fewer over-generous scores given out.

Whereas 70% of the students who began courses this semester were still present at mid-semester, the percentage has gone down markedly since then. As of 18 December we still had 59% attending class.

6. During the past week forty-two written proficiency tests were given in Arabic, French, German, Icelandic, Indonesian, Norwegian, Persian, Romanian, Turkish and Ukrainian. Thirty of the candidates were from DD/P and twelve from other components.

Twenty-eight oral proficiency tests were given during the past week in Chinese, Finnish, French, Hungarian, Indonesian, Persian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish. Fifteen of the candidates were from DD/P and thirteen from other components.

Forty-eight Language Award certificates were forwarded to the Registrar this past week.

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